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# FACULTY REPORTER

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## SPECIAL ISSUE

### NORMAL OPERATIONS

All classes and school activities will continue as scheduled.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to the faculty for the most responsible manner in which they conducted classes and other activities on Wednesday. An emphasis on normal activities will help restore normal conditions.

### PROPERTY DAMAGE

The damage to public property at the College on Wednesday morning has presently been estimated in excess of \$234,648.00.

The Waller County Law Officials and the Texas Department of Public Safety have joined college officials in investigating the destruction. Damage to public property valued over \$50.00 is a felony in Texas. The present damages extend beyond the domain of college officials. Undoubtedly a number of persons will be questioned concerning the matter and charges will be filed on persons thought to be guilty by the Attorney General's Office of the State of Texas.

### STUDENT-FACULTY DIALOGUE

A group of faculty members and students were selected on Wednesday afternoon to begin dialogue on student problems which were presented to the administration. The group discussed the problem from 5:00 p.m. to approximately 10:00 p.m. At the end of the discussion, some participants felt that something meaningful had been accomplished. About five participants felt that nothing had been accomplished and walked out about five minutes prior to adjournment.



### PROPERTY INSURANCE

Questions have been raised by Insurance Carriers on debt service buildings at Prairie View because of the repeated violence and fires. It is anticipated that policies on buildings such as the Student Union, College Exchange, Laundry or others will be cancelled or the rates increased. It is also anticipated that casualty policies on property in the Prairie View community will also increase as a result of violence or possibility of violence.

### FACULTY VOLUNTEERS

Congratulations to over sixty faculty members who volunteered to stay up all night on Wednesday to walk the campus to avoid any further damage. Their positive action and leadership were surely responsible for "cooling" the situation. These faculty members felt a personal responsibility for helping the students find meaningful ways to express their grievances, problems, frustrations, etc.

### SPENCE HALL FIRE

Early Friday morning, a small fire was ignited by an unknown arsonist in The Freshman Studies Office located in Spence Hall. Damages were limited. An investigation of the fire is underway.

### STUDENT GRIEVANCES

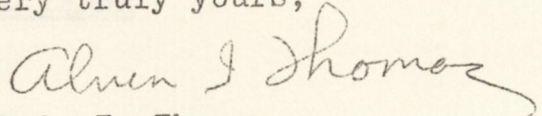
Response to student grievances is scheduled for release Friday. The response is a result of student faculty dialogue, recommendations and clarification of facts.

### IN CLOSING

The Faculty is encouraged to use its influence to reduce tension and restore order. Obviously these conditions are essential to the academic community. Regardless of your

personal beliefs we encourage you to have students to seek out facts and examine all sides of a situation before coming to a conclusion.

Very truly yours,



Alvin I. Thomas  
President

### ENTER-FACULTY DIALOGUE

A group of faculty members and students were gathered on Wednesday afternoon to hear speakers on current problems which were presented to the administration. The group discussed the problem from 5:00 p.m. to approximately 10:00 p.m. at the end of the discussion, most of the group felt that something meaningful had been accomplished. About five participants felt that nothing had been accomplished and walked out about five minutes prior to adjournment.